GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JAIL BREAKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of jail breaks in various States of the country have increased;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years, State- wise, jail-wise;

(c) the total number of jail guards and others killed during the said period, State- wise;

(d) the details of arms and the ammunitions looted in such incidents along with the costs thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): As per the statistics compiled by National Crimes Record Bureau (NCRB), the incidents of jail breaks in the country are showing declining trend. A statement indicating the incidents of jail breaks and the total number of jail personnel and inmates killed in various States/UTs during the period 2004 to 2006 is at Annexure.

(d): Since 'Prisons' is a State subject as per list II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, this information is not maintained centrally.

(e): Although 'Prisons' is a State subject, the Union Government from time to time has been advising the State Governments and Union Territories to strengthen the security in jails and take all precautionary measures.